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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - ALASKA AIRLINES CHARTERS

REF: MOSCOW 4320, 4164; STATE 68730

1. WE PROPOSE THAT EMBASSY TRANSMIT NOTE IN RESPONSE TO
MFA NOTE ON ALASKA CHARTERS (MOSCOW 3764), SUBSTANCE
OF WHICH WOULD BE ALONG FOLLOWING LINE:

A. THE QUESTION OF OFF- ROUTE CHARTERS FOR AEROFLOT (FOR
EXAMPLE A CHARTER BETWEEN Khabarovsk AND ANCHORAGE) IS A
COMPLEX ONE, PARTICULARLY SINCE THERE IS NO AUTHORITY FOR
SUCH OPERATIONS IN AEROFLOT' S FOREIGN AIR CARRIER PERMIT
ISSUED BY THE US CIVIL AERONAUTICS BOARD. FOR THESE
REASONS, THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT SEE ANY WAY IN WHICH
IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO AUTHORIZE AEROFLOT TO OPERATE
THREE Khabarovsk- ANCHORAGE CHARTERS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK
OF THE ALASKA AIRLINES PROGRAM WHICH IS INTENDED TO BEGIN
WITHIN TWO MONTHS.

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B. THE UNITED STATES HOPES THAT THE SOVIET GOVERNMENT WILL BE ABLE TO GIVE AN EARLY RESPONSE TO THE ALASKA AIRLINES APPLICATION, SINCE THE AIRLINE MUST DECIDE IN THE NEAREST FUTURE WHETHER IT WILL BE PRACTICABLE OR NOT TO MAKE FINAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROGRAM FOR THIS SUMMER.

2. FYI: IN THE CABLE ALASKA FINALLY SENT LAST WEEK

(STATE 68730), IT SET APRIL 18 VICE 16 AS ITS " DEADLINE." IT HAS IN THE INTERIM RECEIVED A CONFUSING REPLY CABLE FROM INTOURIST WHICH IT AND WE INTERPRET TO MEAN THAT IT WILL BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE THE WHOLE PROGRAM ITSELF IF AEROFLOT DOES NOT RECEIVE USG PERMISSION TO OPERATE THE KHABAROVSK- ANCHORAGE LEGS. ON THE ASSUMPTION THIS MEANS THAT THE MFA MUST BE CONVINCED THAT THERE IS NO CHANCE FOR AEROFLOT TO SPLIT THE BUSINESS THIS YEAR (SO THAT IT, IN TURN, CAN OKAY THE ALASKA PROGRAM), WE HAVE INCLUDED THE SECOND SENTENCE IN THE FIRST PARAGRAPH OF THE PROPOSED NOTE TO THE MFA. END FYI.

3. WE ALSO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL, EMBASSY RESOURCES PERMITTING, IF, IN ADDITION TO SENDING THIS NOTE, THE EMBASSY COULD ORALLY CONVEY THE SAME MESSAGE TO MFA AND/ OR MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION OFFICIALS, STRESSING ALASKA' S NEED TO KNOW IN THE NEXT DAYS - AT LEAST INFORMALLY AND " UNOFFICIALLY" - WHETHER IT CAN COUNT ON OPERATING ALL THE CHARTERS. ALASKA' S CURRENT PLANS ARE TO HOLD THE PROGRAM OPEN THRU AT LEAST THE MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK IN THE HOPES OF RECEIVING SOMETHING A BIT MORE CONCRETELY POSITIVE FROM THE SOVIETS. PORTER

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